

Winterthur Museum & Gardens

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Mr. Eric T. Newman
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Dear Mr. Newman:

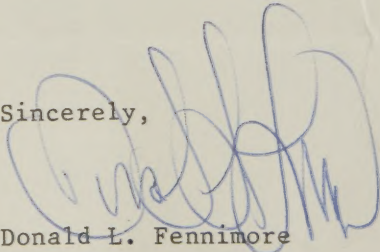
I am in receipt of your letter dated May 15 with its enclosures. Upon receiving the drawings and description of the scales in your collection, I conducted a search in our library for books on the subject. I encountered only one that appeared promising. That is a book written by Bruno Kisch entitled Scales and Weights. It includes extensive information about these objects including a very thorough listing of maker's marks. However, I regret to say that there are no American marks included in it.

I also had no luck in finding any book which dealt with the American phenomenon of making and marking scales pans and weights.

After finishing in the main library I went to our Decorative Art Photographic Collection to see if we might have photographs of scales or brass makers marks which relate to those in your drawings. Unfortunately, there are none. I consequently am unable to be of any help in identifying the person who stamped these marks on your scale pans. I will keep the drawings with the thought that I might encounter marks or helpful information about them in the future. If so, I will certainly let you know.

With best wishes

Sincerely,



Donald L. Fennimore
Associate Curator

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